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Mail Stop Patent Application **Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450



NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

- The filing of this non-provisional patent application would have been filed on August 15, 2003 but for interruption of "Express Mail" service resulting from the Midwest Black out. See USPTO Notices listed on August 15, 2003. As such, under 35 USC §21(a) and 37 CFR 1.6 (e) the filing date of this application should properly be August 15, 2003.
- Notwithstanding, this application is still properly filed within a year of the filing date of the provisional patent application so as to retain the priority date of August 16, 2002 because the one year anniversary date from filing the provisional application fell on Saturday, August 16, 2003, which extends the due date of filing a non-provisional application, having a proper priority claim, to August 18, 2003. See MPEP 201.04(b) and 35 USC 119(e)(3).

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Michael C. Jeziak

For (title): ARTICLE, SYSTEM, AND METHOD OF COVERING AND PROTECTING

HUMAN SKIN AFTER APPLICATION OF BODY ART

1. Type of Application

This application is for an original (non-provisional).

2. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. § 1.153 (Design) Application

10 Page(s) of Specification

3 Page(s) of Claims

1 Sheet(s) of Drawing(s)--Formal (Fig 1&2)

B. Other Papers Enclosed

3 Page(s) of declaration and power of attorney

1 Page(s) of abstract

3. Declaration or Oath

Enclosed unexecuted by inventor.

4. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same.

5. Language

English

6. Assignment

An assignment of the invention to Inkslingers, Inc. will follow.

7. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

Regular Application

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|---|----------------|----|-----------------|-------|------|------|----|--------|--|----|------|
| | Numbe Filed | er | Number Extra | | | Rate | | | Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a) \$750.00 | | |
| Total Claims (37 C.F.R § 1.16(c)) | 20 | _ | 20 | = | 0 | x | \$ | 18.00 | = | \$ | 0.00 |
| Independent Claims (37 C.F.R § 1.16(b)) | 3 | _ | 3 | = | 0 | x | \$ | 84.00 | = | \$ | 0.00 |
| Multiple Depo Claim(s), if a C.F.R § 1 | ny (37 | | | | | | \$ | 280.00 | | \$ | 0.00 |
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Filing Fee Calculation

\$750.00

8. Assertion of Small Entity Status

Applicant hereby asserts status as a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27. Status as a small entity was asserted in the prior application 60/404,066 filed on August 16, 2002 from which benefit is being claimed for this application under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and which status as a small entity is still proper and asserted for this application.

Filing Fee Calculation (50% of above Filing Fee Calculation) \$375.00

9. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

Enclosed

Filing Fee \$375.00

Total Fees Enclosed \$375.00

10. Method of Payment of Fees

Attached is a check in the amount of \$375.00.

Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to deposit account 50-1097.

A duplicate of this paper is attached.

11. Instructions as to Overpayment

Credit Account No. 50-1097.

ADDED PAGES FOR APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION CLAIMED (37 C.F.R. § 1.78)

12. Relate Back

A. 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)

"This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No.:

APPLICATION NO.

FILING DATE

60/404,066

08/16/2002"

Language of prior filed provisional application

The above- identified prior filed provisional application, namely application 60/404,066, filed 08/16/2002, whose benefit is being claimed was filed in the English language.

13. Small Entity (37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a))

Applicant has established small entity status by the filing of a statement in parent application 60/404,066 on August 16, 2002.

Date:

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